



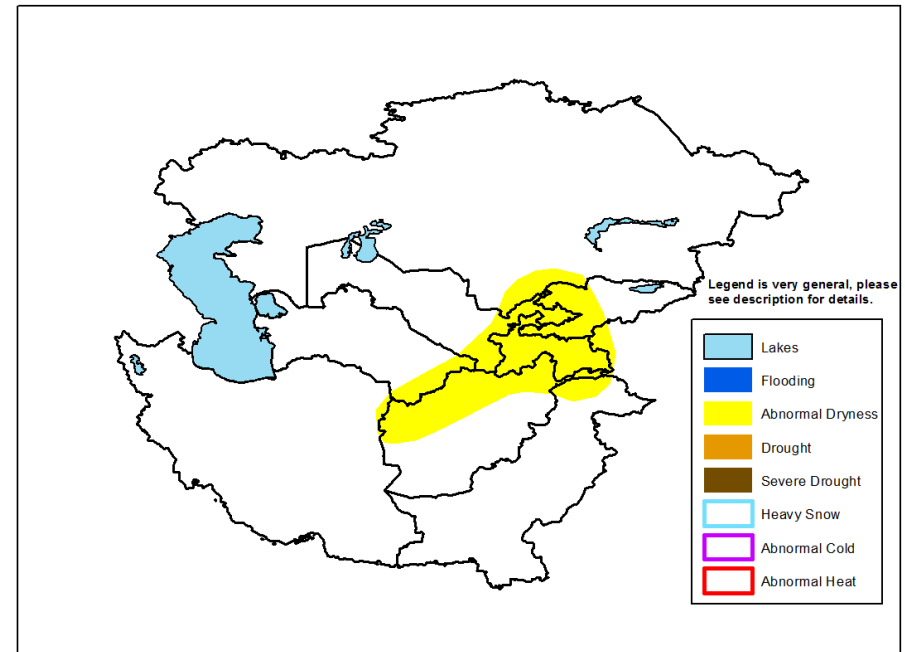
Climate Prediction Center's Central Asia Hazards Outlook February 27 – March 5, 2014

Temperatures:

Following an extended period of much below-normal temperatures, a warming trend resulted in temperatures averaging near to slightly above-normal throughout Central Asia from February 16 - 22. During the next week, below-normal temperatures are expected to return to the region with the largest negative temperature anomalies forecast for southern Kazakhstan. Minimum temperatures are expected to fall below -20 degrees C across most of Kazakhstan and the highest elevations of Afghanistan and Tajikistan.

Precipitation

Mostly dry weather prevailed across Central Asia during the third week of February. According to the CPC-unified dataset, precipitation anomalies range from 50 to 100 mm during the past 90 days for the area highlighted in abnormal dryness. During the next week, mostly dry weather is forecast to continue and increase precipitation deficits.



Note: The Hazards outlook map is based on current weather/climate information, short and medium range weather forecasts (up to 1 week), and assesses their potential impact on crop and pasture conditions. Shaded polygons are added in areas where anomalous conditions have been observed. The boundaries of these polygons are only approximate at this continental scale. This product does not reflect long range seasonal climate forecasts or indicate current or projected food security conditions.

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